

## Changing Landscapes 2: Anticipating the Effects of Local Land Use Decisions Outreach and Technical Assistance Discussion

- Want to explore a series of workshops, for L-THIA and other tools, with hands-on training to determine user friendliness of decision support tools.
- Where do local governments go for information? Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association, the International City/County Management Association, Clerk & Treasurer Association, League of Municipalities, Towns Association – all of these organizations (and others) could be contacted about including tool training at their meetings.
- L-THIA and Digital Watersheds could be added to school-system curriculum. Create a Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers workshop session on tools and promote the session through the Department of Public Instruction's website.
- Partner with the UW-Madison Center for Biology Education.
- There needs to be an explanation as to the accuracy of outcomes from the use of these tools to ensure the outcome information is used appropriately in land use decisions.
- Engage ecosystem modelers, ecologists and rural sociologists in the use of these tools.
- We need to get modelers involved at tool conferences because they lend unique perspectives.
- The Land Information and Computer Graphics Facility will use some of these tools in two-day classes they conduct.
- Case studies add a lot of value to learning. Invite the audience to share case studies, have them written up and then put them on the EPA website.
- HUD conducts environmental assessments and small community planning workshops that may be useful.